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SUBJECT: JAPANESE USE OF WASTEPAPER IMPORTED FROM U. S.

1. EPA INVOLVED IN LITIGATION RE POSSIBLE DISCRIMINATORY OCEAN
FREIGHT RATES FOR SHIPMENT WASTEPAPER VS. WOODPULP/ CHIPS FROM U. S.
WEST COAST TO FAR EAST PORTS. WASTEPAPER INCLUDES NEWSPRINT , TAB
CARDS , MIXED PAPER, ETC. FYI: FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION ISSUED
INVESTIGATIVE ORDER TO PACIFIC COAST WESTBOUND CARRIERS CONFERENCE
FOR HEARING FIRST PART JULY RE APPARENTLY UNJUSTLY HIGH RATES FOR
SHIPPING WASTEPAPER TO FAR EAST. WASTEPAPER BEING SHIPPED AVERAGE
\$35 PER TON VERSUS WOODPULP AT \$23 PER TON. FMC PRESENTING EVIDENCE
EXISTING RATES INEQUITABLE ON COST BASIS. EPA PRESENTING EVIDENCE
STATING THAT, DUE TO UNREASONABLE ADVANTAGE GIVEN WOODPULP , U. S.
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SUFFERS NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, NAMELY INCREASED LANDFILL BURDEN OF WASTEPAPER WHICH COULD BE EXPORTED GIVEN COMPETITIVE SHIPPING COSTS, AND UNNECESSARY DRAIN OF PACIFIC COAST TIMBER RESERVES FOR EXPORT PURPOSES WHEN EQUITABLE SHIPPING COSTS MIGHT STIMULATE WASTEPAPER AS SUBSTITUTE FOR VIRGIN WOOD. EPA FURTHER TESTIFY THAT JAPAN CONCOMITANTLY SUFFERS NEGATIVE AIR AND WATER IMPACTS DUE TO PROCESSING U. S. EXPORTED WOODPULP. END FYI.

2. EPA NOW PREPARING TESTIMONY AND URGENTLY NEEDS FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE JAPAN:

A. MAJOR TYPE OF PLANT SYSTEM USED FOR REPROCESSING WASTEPAPER JAPAN IMPORTS FROM U. S. , E. G. DE - INKING, REPULPING;

B. DATA ON INSTALLED VS. ACTUAL UTILIZED CAPACITY OF JAPANESE WASTEPAPER PROCESSING PLANTS;

C. RESULTS OF ANY STUDIES BY PRIVATE / PUBLIC AGENCIES IN JAPAN RE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, E. G. AIR , WATER POLLUTION, ENERGY REQUIREMENTS OF JAPANESE PRODUCTION PROCESSES USING WOODPULP/ CHIPS VS. WASTEPAPER;

D. LIST OF MAJOR PRODUCTS PRODUCED IN JAPAN FROM U. S. WASTEPAPER , E. G. PRINTING PAPER, LINERBOARD;

3. STATEMENT(S) BY JAPANESE OFFICIAL (S) OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL NEED TO USE RECYCLED PAPER;

F. ANY DATA STATEMENTS TO LEND SUPPORT TO THESIS THAT HIGH OCEAN FREIGHT RATES CONSTRAINING JAPANESE DOMESTIC DEMAND FOR IMPORTED WASTEPAPER FROM U. S.

3. EPA REQUESTS EMBASSY CABLE ASAP INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF DATA AVAILABILITY AND ESTIMATED TIME TO PULL INFO TOGETHER.
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